

Senate File 385 - Introduced

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BY CHAPMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to maintenance of septic systems using peat or
2 cocopeat biofilters.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 455B.173, subsection 3, Code 2019, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. Rules shall not be adopted that require
4 an owner of a secondary biofilter system that uses peat moss
5 or cocopeat to enter into a maintenance contract. However, a
6 person who owns a secondary biofilter system that uses peat
7 moss or cocopeat shall have their system inspected and, if
8 necessary, have maintenance performed by a certified technician
9 at least once every five years.

| 10 | EXPLANATION |
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11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 This bill relates to rules related to the maintenance of
14 septic systems.

15 Current law requires the environmental protection commission
16 to establish rules relating to the maintenance of disposal
17 systems. The bill prohibits the commission from adopting rules
18 that require an owner of a secondary biofilter system that
19 uses peat moss or cocopeat from entering into a maintenance
20 contract. However, the bill requires an owner of a peat moss
21 biofilter system or a cocopeat biofilter system to have the
22 system inspected and, if necessary, have maintenance performed
23 by a certified technician at least once every five years.